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13. (C) DAS McMullen thanked Chile for its work in promoting moderation in the region, and noted that the U.S. was closely following events in
14. (C) The U.S. remains concerned about the situation in Bolivia, particularly given that the Mexican Sinaloa and Colombian drug cartels are
15. (C) Chilean-Peruvian relations are "absolutely normal" though not at the same level as last year, Van Klaveren said. (Note: In the last
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110. (C) Turning to UNASUR, Van Klaveren said that negotiations about a Secretary General for the organization were still at an impasse. Uruç

111. (C) The U.S. appreciates Chile's leadership in UNASUR, DAS McMullen observed, particularly in convening a summit of regional heads of state.

Comment

112. (C) DAS McMullen and Acting FM Van Klaveren's broadly-themed meeting reflects the many areas of cooperation and shared vision that are the natural byproduct of the relationship that has arisen.

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